

A

REVIEW

OF THE

Affairs of FRANCE:

Purg'd from the Errors and Partiality of *News-Writers* and
Petty-Statefmen, of all Sides.

Tuesday, October 3. 1704.

I brought the *Hungarians* in the Last Review, just to the Precipice of their own Ruine, when despising all the Concessions of the Emperor; which at the Intercession of the Protestant Electors, had been such, that the very *Turks* themselves suspected they could not refuse an Accommodation.

The Apprehensions of this, occasion'd the *Turkish* Ambassadors to make mighty Offers of Imaginary Honours, such as no People in the World, who had not projected the Absolute Ruine of *Europe*, would have the least Imagination could ever be made good.

Upon these Expectations, Count *Teckeley*, and Eighty of the Principal Nobility and Gentry of *Hungary*, enter into this black Contract, and agree with the *Turks* for Protection and Assistance against the Emperor; and on that Condition stipulate in the Name of all the Kingdom, to make *Hungaria* Tributary to the *Turks*, to become his Servants, and to pay to his *Ottoman* Highness a Tribute of 80000 Crowns per Ann. *Vid. Knowl's Contin. fol. 280.*

To make this yet more plain, the Grand Seignior, in Pursuance of the abovesaid Treaty, sends the following haughty Command to *Abassi* Prince of *Transylvania*.

“ **F**Orasmuch as those of *Hungary* who have receiv'd the Emperor of the *Nazarene* Nation to be their Lord, have been spoil'd of

“ their Country and Castles by the *Germans*,
 “ and have therefore had Recourse to our Clemency for Protection; it is our Pleasure; in
 “ Regard of their long and piteous Miseries,
 “ and being thereunto mov'd by their reiterated Prayers and Supplications, graciously to
 “ affranchise them from the Yoke of that Nation;
 “ 'Tis therefore that we Communicate this
 “ Design to you, as our faithful Minister by the
 “ *Bassa* *Caput*, and the *Aga* *Starra*, with Express
 “ Command, that you make your self forthwith
 “ ready to deliver the *Hungarians* from the
 “ Oppressions of their Enemies with all the
 “ Forces of *Transylvania*, which shall be immediately
 “ Reinforced with those of *Valachia*,
 “ and of the *Bassa* of *Silistria*, 13003 Janizaries,
 “ and 20000 Horse; for we have promised
 “ them our Imperial Protection, in Consideration
 “ of the Fidelity which they have manifested to us,
 “ which we have since had Experience of; and therefore we Command you yet
 “ again to Neglect nothing that may tend to the
 “ Execution of our Pleasure and Good Will, to the End that by the Assistance of
 “ the most high and most mighty God, this
 “ People so cruelly oppress'd, may be forthwith
 “ delivered from the Bozage of the Unmerciful
 “ *Germans*. In the mean time you shall from Time to Time Inform our Great
 “ *Ottoman* Mightyness with what shall happen,
 “ and what you shall have done pursuant here-
 “ unto;

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- “ unto ; and you are farther to take heed that
 “ you do nothing that may be disadvantageous to
 “ our Incomparable Greatness.

When the Fox preaches beware the Geese. 'Tis something odd to hear the *Turks* Call the *Germans* Unmerciful, to hear the Sons of *Makomet*, that Depopulated the most flourishing Provinces of the *Grecian* Empire, talk of Oppressions and Cruelties : But above all, 'tis apparent by this Commission, that the Protestants, *I had rather say the Hungarians* Reiterated their Prayers and Supplications to the *Turks*, Reiterated their Prayers, &c. to the *Turks* to destroy *Christendom*.

Let us now Examine the the Fruits of this haughty Mandate ; Prince *Abassi*, who otherwise was a hearty Enemy to the Emperor, and a Tributary himself to *Turkish* Power ; yet when he finds he is to be the Beginner of *Europe's* Universal Trouble, he is the first that Relents at the horrid Undertaking.

According to the Commission aforesaid, he Assembles his Troops, joyns with Count *Teckely*, and brings with him a great Army of *Valachians*, *Moldavians* and *Turks*.

Upon this Conjunction, he puts forth a Declaration, intimating that he did not Arm against the Interest of *Christendom* : Indeed he found a great deal of Reason to Publish this Cautionary Priviso, for 'twas hard to imagin how he could Invaide the Emperor, in Conjunction with the *Turks*, and bring the Mahometan Arms into the Field against the Christians, and not appear against the General Interest of *Christendom*.

He alledg'd that he only Arm'd to deliver the Protestants of *Hungary* from the Oppressions they Labour'd under, by restoring them in their Possessions, Churches, and Ancient Privileges.

Arm'd with such Assistances, and defended with such a Declaration, he advances into *Upper Hungary*, and sets down before *Zatmar* ; here he received 8000 Men more from the *Bassa* of *Buda*, and Advice that he followed with 40000 more.

Abassi press'd *Zatmar* hard, and carryed the Town, but the Cittadel held out against all his Forces, and made a terrible slaughter among his Men.

And here *Abassi* began to consider with himself, and to make some serious Reflections upon what he was a doing.

He found, that tho' he was fighting for the Protestants, the *Turks* took Possession of whatever he Conquer'd ; and that which grieved

him most, was, That the Protestants of *Hungary* were content it should be so ; this made him slack his Assaults of the Cittadel of *Zatmar*, and dwindle away the Time before it, till the Vigorous Resistance of the *German* Garrison oblig'd him to raise his Siege ; and the *Bassa* of the *Turks* that Commanded under him, sent loud Clamours against him to *Constantinople*.

The *Hungarians* abandon'd thus by the *Transilvanian*, whose Honour was too great to joyn with the Measures he saw they had concerted, and being harra's'd by Count *Caprara*, flye to Treaties and Cessations to amuse the Emperor, and gain Time, till the *Turks*, with whom they were closely Leagu'd, could be ready to put the unhappy Design in Execution.

That this was but a design to Amuse the Emperor, appears in that the Preparations for War the *Turks* made all this Winter, effectually Demonstrated, that nothing but War and Destruction was to be expected.

The Truce made first to continue to the 31st of *March*, was afterwards continued to the 1st of *July* ; but in this very interval, and under the Sacred Articles of a Truce and Cessation, the *Malecontents* seiz'd on all the Corn, which the Emperor's Commissaries had bought on the Frontiers of *Poland* to store his Magazines ; and in another Place in Conjunction with the *Turks*, surpriz'd an Imperial Commissary going with Clothes for the Imperial Army.

Count *Teckely* himself, to show his Zeal for Religion, was not asham'd to go in Person with 3000 *Hungarian* Horse, to visit the *Bassa* of *Buda*, where he was received with all imaginable Honours.

The *Bassa* sent his Son to receive him at the Gate of the City at the Head of all the Horse of the Garrison, to Compliment him in his Name, and regale him with Refreshments of all sorts, according to the *Turkish* Fashion ; the *Bassa* himself, receiv'd him at the Head of his Janizaries ; and after all possible Civilities, he was assured there of the Assistance and Protection of the Grand Seignior, upon all occasions.

Farther 'tis said, he took his *Hungarian* Bonnet from his Head, and put him on a *Turban*, Dubbing him thereby a Protestant Turk. He made him a present in the Name of the Grand Seignior, a *Heron* Feather Enrich'd with Diamonds, a *Sabre*, a *Pole-Ax*, and a *Green* Ensign, a Colour they esteem sacred to their Prophet.

Some say to put a Crown on his Head, Declar'd the Grand Seignior gave him the Kingdom of *Hungary*, and saluted him King in the Presence

Presence of all the *Bassa's* of that Kingdom; but Future Circumstances prevented that Affair being brought to Perfection.

The Emperor, tho' he had violent Suspicions of his Mischievous Designs, Consented to his

Marrying the Princess *Ragocki*, Mother of the present Prince, and Sister to Count *Serine*; who Tur'd Protestant as soon as she was married to him, and prov'd as violent against the Emperor as her Husband.

ADVICE from the Scandal. CLUB.

THE Society having so much private Business upon their hands this Week; had only time to read the two following Letters, in relation to the Publick; but were forced to defer speaking to the Particulars, till their next Sitting.

Gentlemen,

A Friend and Acquaintance of mine; experienced in the Laws and Customs of Excise, and in the Art of Stillling; told a Commissioner of Excise, of the Frauds of Stillers of Malt; demonstrating how the Government was Cheated, out of nigh one third part of the Duty upon Low Wines and Spirits, made from Malt; which Commissioner reported the Case to the rest, who Order'd all their Surveyors, to sit upon the abovesaid Stillers, to find out the Cheat. They Sat, and 8 of the 9 Surveyors gave it under their hands, to the abovesaid Commissioners, that no such Fraud was, or could be committed by the abovesaid Stillers. Wherefore, I desire, as soon as possible, your Impartial Answer to the following Queries. Whether any Tradesman will follow his Trade, and get Money by making Goods at 50 s. loss upon every hundred Pounds value; which the abovesaid Stillers do, if they make no more Spirits from the Goods allowed to a tun of Spirits, than what is charg'd. Whether J. B. formerly expelled the Excise for Cheating the Government out of several Sums of Money, can get an Estate Honestly in Ten Years time, having no other Business but the Excise, and a Wife and four Children to maintain, out of 80 Pounds per Annum? Whether J. D. formerly expelled the Excise, for Cheating both the Government and Officers, out of several Sums of Money, can Honestly maintain a Wife, and in four Years time get 700 Pounds now at Interest, out of 80 Pounds per Annum, having no other Business but the Excise? Whether J. D.—d. having no Estate or Business but the Excise, can maintain 8 in Family, and live honestly, after the rate of 300 Year, out of 60 Pounds per Annum? Whether T. C. having no Estate or Business but the Excise, can maintain six in Family, and live

honestly, after the rate of 160 Pounds a Year, out of 60 Pounds per Annum.

London, Sept. 22. Your humble Servant,
1704. I. D.

Gentlemen,

A Friend of mine being one Night (as he told me) to meet with an Acquaintance at the Tavern; The Person expected came, brings with him one, who, he told my Friend, was an honest Gentleman, tho' by Misfortunes, at present not under the best Circumstances; my Friend (who is always ready to serve any one in Distress) inform'd himself of the unfortunate's Name, and Chambers in the Temple, went next day morning, knock'd at the Door, was desir'd, by a low Voice to come in, open'd the Door, saw at a good distance, as the farther end of a Room, what rather seem'd a Shadow of, than a Woman; being surpris'd with the sight, was at a loss how to speak to it, which gave the Apparition time to break First, Sir, if you'd speak with Mr. P——, if you'll walk in, and sit down a Minute, he'll be here presently. Accordingly my Friend did; and the Miserable, Famish'd Object, in a Greasy-rastur'd Gown that stuck as close to her as Grape to a Corps, by the nimble Motion, of all the Flesh she seem'd to have about her, her Tongue (from whence I conclude that that Part in Woman dies last) soon gave him to understand she was Wife to the Person stay'd for; whom presently after coming (and 'twas well he did, says my Friend, for the Wife and Chamber-smell so like Bedlam and its Inhabitants, that I was almost suffocated) my Friend takes home to Dinner, after to the Tavern, tells him he mightily commiserated his circumstances, which he could not but be sensible, were the worst that could be; gave him a Guinea for a Gown for the Wife and a very good Coat he gave him; went the next Day to their Chamber, and spent Half a Piece, that they might have a good Meal, which he did believe they'd been long Strangers to; soon after this takes a Lodging near them; has the Man, his Wife, his Daughter for a Month together, every Day to Dinner and Supper; takes the Man, ever,

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Night to the Tavern pays his Club, and that not small matter; for my Friend is a True Bottle Man.

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Aug. 1704.

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For going to Mr. W. in the Temple.	0	6	8
For going several times to Smithfield.	0	10	0

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Here's Gratitude for you! Here's a Return!
Hinc illæ Lacrymæ, if it were not for such ungrateful Brutes the World would be more charitable.

Gentlemen;

Pray something by way of Correction to such, and something by way of Advice to my Friend: I would have him more cautious than he's apt to be; but for the Benefit of the Poor would not have him turn Jew. Excuse the Length of this, from one you so much entertain, he never thinks you long enough, and is

Sept. 28. your humble Servant,
1704.

A. B.

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